bulk drugs and intermediates during the period 1990-91 to 1992-93 is given below :

Rs. in crores

Year	Bulk Drugs	Intermediates
1990-91	322.57	176.70
1991-92	458.51	243.75
1992-93	508.393	474.237

SOURCE : DGHS, Ministry of Health.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Monitoring of production of certain individual bulk drugs is confined to organised sector units only on the basis of information, to the extent available, from the returns filed by them. During 1992-93, the decline in production by the organised sector units has been noticed in the cases of certain Antibiotics for the reason that a substantial production has taken place in the small scale sector, and in Sulpha Drugs for the reason that several of these drugs have been phased out and Sulphamethazole as these are largely produced in small scale sector. The same is true in case of Analgesics. Another reason is introduction of new products belonging to therapeautic category of Antibacterials viz. Quinolones namely Ciprofloxacin, Norfloxacin etc. and Cardio-Vasculars like Nifedipine, Atenolol etc.

There is greater degree of obsolescence in the area if pharmaceuticals and new and more efficacious products get introduced every year. This leads to outphasing of older products. Imports supplement the indigenous production to meet the requirement of medicines. As such the production in the country has not declined, but has shown steady upward trend. The exports have also picked up and there is positive trade balance for the last several years.

Anomalies and discrepancies in the 1986 Drug policy

16. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 439 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th August, 1993 and state :

(a) whether any anomalies and discrepancies in the 1986 policy vis-a-vis decisions of Government on the Kelkar Committee report and the Cabinet decision have been brought to the notice of Government ;

(b) if so, what are the details, when was each anomaly and discrepancy brought to the notice of Government and what action was taken on each anomaly ;

(c) whether it is a fact that list of drugs under price control have not been reviewed inspite of clear provisions of 1986 policy ; and

(d) what are the reasons for non-review of the list and by when it is now proposed to be reviewed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The matter relating to the anomalies and discrepancies observed in implementation of Drug Policy, 1986 forms part of the Review of Drug Policy, 1986 in regard to which a Background Note was laid on the Table of the House on 12-8-1992 and discussed on 18th, 19th and 23rd August, 1993.

Shortage of DAP Leading to Imbalanced Use of Fertilizers in Punjab

17. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in Punjab there are no sufficient stocks of DAP to meet the requirement of farmers in the present Rabi season and what is the stock position and stocks required ;

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet the requirement of farmers for the DAP ;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to short supply and high price of DAP farmers

are excessively using urea and this imbalanced use of urea is affecting the soil which will ultimately effect the production ; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking for the imbalanced use of chemical fertilisers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Some shortage of Dia Ammonium Phosphate was experienced in certain packets of Punjab in the 1st fortnight of November, 1993 due to constraints in the availability of Railway rakes to the suppliers for the movement of Dia Ammonium Phosphate from the ports and the manufacturing units.

Immediate steps were taken for priority allotment of rakes for movement of Dia Ammonium Phosphate to Punjab. Consequently the supply position improved considerably and against the targeted supply of 3.20 lakh tonnes of Dia Ammonium Phosphate till the end of Nov., 93, the availability till the 23rd November, 1993 was 2.80 lakh tonnes. Efforts are being made to maintain Dia Ammonium Phosphate supplies to the State.

(c) and (d) According to the Government of Punjab, the farmers in the State are not making excessive use of Urea in place of Dia Ammonium Phosphate. However, there has been a fall in the consumption of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers at the national level following decontrol. The measures taken to promote balanced use of fertilisers include the following :—

(i) Increase in he procurement prices of foodgrains.

(ii) Special concession on the sale of Single Super Phosphate, Muriate of Potash, Indigenous Dia Ammonium Phosphate and Complex fertilisers.

(iii) Reliefs designed to lower the cost of production and movement of decontrolled fertilisers.

(iv) Extension efforts to promote balanced fertiliser use.

US banon fertilizer plants technology

18. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the US has banned export of fertilizer plants technology by US companies to India on grounds of nuclear proliferation ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to do without imported fertiliser technologies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) no Sir, however, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that US companies require an export license from their government for export of technology to manufacture ammonia to India.

(c) Energy efficient technologies are available from other sources. While ammonia technologies are not available indigenously, technology for the manufacture of phosphatic fertilizers like DAP and DAP-based complexes are available indigenously.

Carring of Spare Fuel in IAC Planes

19. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air Bus A-300 flying from Madras to Hyderabad on November 15, 1993 could not land at Hyderabad and while turning back ran short of fuel and force landed on a paddy field, fortunately without any loss of life ;

(b) what is the flying time for Air Bus-300 from Madras to Hyderabad ;